(b) whether Government also propose to provide Housing Scheme to these Beedi workers ;

(c) if so, what is the number of Beedi workers likely to be covered under the scheme ;

(d) the amount of money likely to be spent for the purpose ;

(e) what is the total amount to be spent on Beedi workers in Madhya Pradesh which has highest number of Beedi workers ;

(f) the extent to which these schemes have been implemented ; and

(g) what is the share of Madhya Pradesh in the contribution made from the Contributory Fund and also from the State Governments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA : (a) The Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 is already applicable to the Beedi Workers throughout the Country since 31st May, 1977.

(b) to (g) Under the Build Your Own House Scheme (BYOHS) assistance in terms of loans and subsidy is provided to Beedi Workers from the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund. Assistance in terms of subsidy is also provided to the State Government under the Housing Scheme for Economically Weaker Sections (HSEWS) of the Beedi Workers. Under the HSEWS, total number of houses sanctioned for Madhya Pradesh has been to the extent of 2400, out of which 1341 houses have been constructed. The expenditure on these housing schemes are dependant on the proposals which are received from the individuals under the BYOHS and from the State Government under the HSEWS. Based on the number of applications likely to be received, budget provision is made. A provision of Rs. 208 lakh has been made in the Budget Estimate for 1993-94 for incurring expenditure on housing and other activities under the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund.

Recovery of Provident Fund Arrears

357. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employyees Provident Fund Authority has declared Rs. 181.25 crores of Provident Fund arrears an non-recoverable ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to recover the Provident Fund arrears ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

बीड़ी श्रमिकों को पहचान पत्र जारी करना

358. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह :** क्या श्रम मंत्री 9 अगस्त, 1993 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 1802 में दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राज्य सरकारों में भारत सरकार के निर्णय के अनुसार देश में सभी बीड़ी श्रमिकों को पहचान-पत्र जारी कर दिये हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है और वे कौन-कौन से राज्य हैं जहां यह कार्य अभी भी पूरा नहीं किया गया है ?

श्रम मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) और (ख) एक विवरण संलग्न है ।